



MINUTES FOR THE REGULAR MEETING  
OF THE  
LOS ANGELES COUNTY COMMISSION FOR WOMEN  
HELD IN ROOM 372 OF THE KENNETH HAHN HALL OF  
ADMINISTRATION, 500 WEST TEMPLE STREET  
LOS ANGELES, CA 90012  
Monday, May 10, 2010



The meeting was called to order by President Reiko Duba at 10:02 a.m.

Present: President Duba, Vice President Tanberg, Commissioner Becerra-Jones, Commissioner Creary, Commissioner Gallegos, Commissioner Lesser, Commissioner Rodríguez, Commissioner Ward, Commissioner Jernigan, Commissioner Gravely and Commissioner Julie McCarthy Napoleon

Excuse Absent: Commissioner Tanner

Absent: Commissioner Piñedo

**I. ADMINISTRATIVE MATTER**

1. Approval of the Minutes from the meeting of April 12, 2010.  
On motion of Commissioner Tangberg, seconded by Commissioner Lesser, the item was duly carried by the following vote:

**Ayes: 9 - Commissioner Duba, Commissioner Tanberg, Commissioner Becerra-Jones, Commissioner Creary, Commissioner Gallegos, Commissioner Lesser, Commissioner Rodríguez, Commissioner Ward, and Commissioner Julie McCarthy Napoleon**

**Noes: 0 - None**

**Abstention: 2 - Commissioners Jernigan and Gravely**

**Absent: 2 - Commissioners Pinedo and Tanner**

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## **REPORTS**

2. Report on activities from the Month of April 2010 as presented by the President.

President Duba reported the legendary civil and women's rights activist Dorothy Height passed away at the age of 98. President Obama nominated Elena Kagan for Supreme Court, if confirmed by Senate there will be three female justices in higher court.

On April 29, 2010, the Commission held the second Domestic Violence breakfast briefing in collaboration with the Domestic Violence Council. District Deputies, Domestic Violence Providers and Shelter Directors were in attendance. The meeting was held to discuss the state budget and how it will affect the shelters. President Duba thanked Commissioner Rodriguez for coordinating the wonderful event. President Duba requested Commissioner Rodriguez submit the report at the next meeting.

Craig Renetzky from Cal State Northridge submitted a letter to the Commission thanking Commissioner Rodriguez for assisting on a Domestic Violence session at the university.

President Duba reminded the Commission June is the last month of the fiscal year 2009-2010. Following the June Commission meeting a presentation will be held to recognize community committee member for their exceptional work. Committee Chair's were reminded to submit their report.

After discussion, President Duba's verbal report was received (Commissioners Piñedo and Tanner being absent).

3. Report on the updates on the agenda and minutes format and the Commission Leadership Conference.

Rhonda Rangel, Commission Services staff, submitted a verbal report of the progress of the agenda and minutes format. A sample agenda template was distributed to the Commission. Legistar 5.0 software will be used to create agenda and minutes to be consistent with the Board office. No action was taken by the Commission. The Commission was invited to attend the upcoming "*Commissioners' Leadership Conference*" scheduled for May 13, 2010.

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4. Treasurer's Report of Activity from the Month of April 2010

Commissioner Becerra-Jones submitted the attached Trust Fund Reports. After discussion her reports were received and filed (Commissioners Piñedo and Tanner being absent)

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5. Report from Nominating Committee on 2010-2012 Slate of Officers.

Commissioner Creary submitted Committee's slate of office for president and vice president. Nominations for treasurer were not submitted.

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6. Report on the Jenesse Center's Silver Rose Awards event held on Sunday, April 18, 2010 as submitted by Commissioners Creary and Jernigan.

Commissioner Creary's report was received and filed with the Commission.

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7. Report on the Youth Policy Institute's 6th Annual Mother's Day Event (*Celebrando Nuestras Madres*) held on Saturday, May 1, 2010 as submitted by Commissioner Gallegos.

Commissioner Gallegos' verbal report was received and filed with the Commission.

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8. Report on the Domestic Violence Breakfast Briefing held on Thursday, April 29, 2010 as submitted by Commissioner Rodriguez.

Commissioner Rodriguez gave an overview of the event and responded to questions posed by the Commission. Meeting Minutes and report was received and filed with the Commission.

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9. Report on the Amistad Gala hosted by Rancho Los Amigos Foundation on May 1, 2010 as submitted by President Duba.

Commissioners Duba and Lesser submitted verbal reports on the Amistad Gala hosted by the Rancho Los Amigos Foundation. Commissioner Tanberg was honored and presented with the 2010 Amistad Award at this event. Additional information regarding the Amistad Gala can be made available through the Rancho Los Amigos Foundation at [www.rancho.org](http://www.rancho.org)

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10. Final Report on the 25th Annual Women of the Year Luncheon held on March 8, 2010 as submitted by the Events Committee.

Commissioner Ward provided a brief financial report of this year's luncheon. The report was received and filed with the Commission.

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11. Update report on the Annual 5K Run/Walk scheduled for September 11, 2010 as submitted by President Duba and Commissioner Lesser.

President Duba reported on the Annual 5K Run/Walk committee meeting held on April 12, 2010. Supervisor Molina is the Honorary Chair for this year's event, she noted there will be another committee meeting following today's meeting. No action was taken by the Commission.

After discussion, President Duba's verbal report was received (Commissioners Piñedo and Tanner being absent).

12. Various update reports submitted by the Communications, Domestic Violence, Education, Older Women's Issues and Health Committees.

Commissioner Tanberg reported the Communication committee meeting met this morning to discuss website updates. Commissioner Jernigan reported on the Health Care Reform. Commissioner Rodriguez staffed the Department of Mental Health's awareness event on May 6, 2010. Commissioner Becerra-Jones reported the Education committee along with Maria Caballero and Geneviève Clavreul will be coordinating a breakfast meeting for the nursing scholarship awardees. Commissioner Lesser reported the Health committee attended the Women's Health Policy Council meeting.

Commission community outreach and announcements submitted by Commissioner Creary was received and filed.

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## **II. PRESENTATIONS / DISCUSSIONS**

### **10:15 a.m. SET ITEM**

13. The Commission for Women Annual Group Photo.

No action was taken by the Commission.

**10:45 a.m. SET ITEM**

14. Update on Activities Pertaining to the Non-Profit Organization, For Grace and discussion to approve the donation of \$1,000 for the 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Women in Pain Conference hosted by For Grace.

Cynthia Toussaint announced the 3<sup>rd</sup> *Annual Women in Pain Conference* will be hosted by For Grace and will take place September 17, 2010, at the California Endowment Center. She also provided an overview of the upcoming conference and responded to questions posed by the Commission.

After discussion, on motion of Commissioner Rodriguez, seconded by Commissioner Creary (Commissioners Piñedo and Tanner being absent) the item was approved.

After discussion, Ms. Toussaint verbal report was received (Commissioners Piñedo and Tanner being absent).  
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15. Elect and approve the 2010-2012 Commission for Women officers.

During discussion, Commissioner Lesser nominated Commissioner Wadie Gravely for Treasurer.

After discussion, on motion of Commissioner Lesser, seconded by Commissioner Ward (Commissioners Piñedo and Tanner being absent), the slate of office nominations was approved as submitted with Commissioner Becerra-Jones for President; Commissioner Tanberg for Vice President and Commissioner Gravely for Treasurer.

16. Discuss and approve to appoint the 2010 Retreat Chair and form the 2010 Ad-Hoc Retreat Committee as presented by President Duba.

At the recommendation of President Duba, unanimously carried, Commissioner Becerra-Jones was appointed as Retreat Chair with the following members forming the 2010 Ad-Hoc Committee: Commissioners Rodriguez, Gallegos, Tanberg and Gravely.

17. Discuss and approve to send one representative to the National Association of Commission for Women's 2010 Business Meeting and Conference in Rockville, Maryland on July 22 through 25, 2010 in an amount not to exceed \$1,500 for registration, hotel and transportation as submitted by President Duba.

After discussion, on motion of Commissioner Lesser, seconded by Commissioner Rodriguez (Commissioners Piñedo and Tanner being absent) the item was approved.  
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18. Discuss and approve to eliminate the annual Domestic Violence Shelter Donation as submitted by the Domestic Violence Committee.

Debbie Biederman of the Jewish Family Services addressed the Commission.

After discussion, on motion of Commissioner Rodriguez, seconded by commissioner Tanberg, the item was duly carried by the following vote:

**Ayes: 5 - Commissioner Tanberg, Commissioner Becerra-Jones, Commissioner Lesser, Commissioner Rodríguez and Commissioner Julie McCarthy Napoleon**

**Noes: 4 - Commissioner Jernigan, Commissioner Creary, Commissioner Gallegos and Commissioner Gravely**

**Abstention: 2 - Commissioners Duba and Ward**

**Absent: 2 - Commissioners Pinedo and Tanner**

19. Discuss and approve to purchase a half-page ad in the tribute book for the Homeless... No More Gala hosted by the Good Shepherd Center for Homeless Women and Children on June 3, 2010 in an amount not to exceed \$300.00 as submitted by Commission Becerra-Jones.

After discussion, on motion of Commissioner Becerra-Jones, seconded by Commissioner Creary (Commissioners Piñedo and Tanner being absent), the item was approved.

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20. Discuss and approve to co-sponsor the California Commission on the Status of Women's public hearing in Pasadena on June 11, 2010 as submitted by Commissioner Lesser.

During discussion, President Duba requested staff include in the Commission for Women website information about the California Commission on the Status of Women. Therefore, on motion of Commissioner Becerra-Jones, seconded by Commissioner Creary (Commissioners Piñedo and Tanner being absent), the item was approved.

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### **III. MISCELLENEOUS**

Geneviève Clavreul provided articles for the Commission.

There being no further business and without objection, the meeting was adjourned at 12:15 p.m.